[HANDHELD ELECTRONIC DEVICE] Abstract

A handheld electronic device has a body (110) and a sliding member (120) wherein the body is pivotably mounted on the sliding member by a pivot axle (102). The body is provided with a display (510) thereon, and the sliding member is provided a keyboard (520) thereon. When the sliding member is lengthwise aligned with the body, the keyboard is hidden below the body. When the sliding member is rotated relative to the body to reach a position wherein the sliding member is at an orientation perpendicular to that of the body, the keyboard is exposed and has two end portions located outside of lateral sides of the body, respectively.